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Tansey big hit as sweeper



ABOVE : The squad of Dynamo Zagreb, which meets Victoria on Sunday. From left, top row: Poljak, Mustedanagic, Brusic, Dumbovic, Bobinic, Mlinaric, S. Marie.

Middle row: Coach Markovic, Ivkovic, Janjanin, Devic, Jovicevic, Cerin, Bonic, Kranjcar, Vlak, assistant coach Susak.

Bottom row: Stefanovic, Stinic, Bogdan, Calasan, Novoselac, Vujadinovic, Z. Maric.



RIGHT: A jubilant Peter Sharne sees his shot land in the Dynamo Zagreb net at Bruce Stadium, Canberra last Sunday. The goal put Australia ahead 2-0 but the game ended in a 3-3 draw. See pages 8 and 9.

NO CHANGES: RUDI

Rudi Gutendorf will not change the senior national squad before the first World Cup qualifying match against New Zealand on 26 April.

So said the remarkably subdued national coach on his return from the international youth tournament in Israel.

He would admit to no irretrievable losses on either the senior or youth tours.

None of the players in either squad were failures, he said.



RUDI GUTENDORF

teams, had been a waste of time.

No, he was not worried about adverse Press reports about him and about the tour.

"This is the era of the sensational headlines," he said. "Everything is blown up in the papers. It is expected of the journalists. They are doing their jobs. It is the same all over the world."

Although he would not change the senior squad, he would try to slap it into shape in training camps, he said.

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DEADLY SERIOUS

Nacional of Uruguay, which plays against Australia in Melbourne on 18 February, is deadly serious about its soccer.

Abdon Purte, a previous National club president, was so upset at being replaced in the job he committed suicide — in the middle of the pitch.

Before flying to Australia, Nacional meets Nottingham Forest in Tolosa on February

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Dynamo's games against NSW
and Australia, and a preview
of its game against Victoria
appear on pages 8 & 9.



By JOHNNY WARREN

The Socceroos' performance in Canberra indicated that Gutendorf is very close to finalising his World Cup team.

Steve Blair, who was tried out as stopper, played soundly, but Gutendorf is likely to use one of his more experienced players in the World Cup series which starts on April 26.

Tony Henderson would be best in the stopper's position, leaving Murray

Barnes in midfield, along with John Yzendoorn who missed Sunday's game due to injury.

Steve Perry could still come in for Steve Hogg at right back but the rest of the team probably will be left unchanged.

And so the World Cup eleven looks like being: Allan Maher or Greg Woodhouse — Steve Perry or Steve Hogg, Jim Tansey, Tony Henderson, Alan Davidson — John Yzendoorn, Ken Boden, Murray Barnes — Peter Sharne, Gary Cole, Eddie Krncevic.



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KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE: Bayern-Munich star who won the European Footballer of the Year award and was one of the outstanding players of the Gold Cup.

JUPP DERWALL: Coach of West Germany which won the European nations cup in Italy and which remained unbeaten for 23 games since he took over in 1978, until losing 1-2 to Argentina in the Gold Cup.

JOE VENGLOS: Coached Czechoslovakia to victory in the Olympic football tournament in the USSR, the latest in a long list of fine achievements by this former Australian national coach.

WALDEMAR VICTORINO: Brilliant young striker who was the sensation of the triumphant Uruguayan national team that won the Gold Cup and also a leading light in the team of Nacional, which won the South American Cup, the Copa Libertadores de America.

Hail Victorino!

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AUSTRALIAN LIST

ALAN DAVIDSON: Maintained a remarkable rise to the top by emerging as the best player of the Australian team that toured Europe and Asia.

JIMMY ROONEY: Played his 50th international against England in the centenary match at the SCG and showing his absence on the Socceroos tour that the team still needs him.

JIM HERMISTON: Brisbane Lions' star defender who was voted Australian Player of the Year by the Australian Soccer Press Association.

EDDIE THOMSON: Coach and sometime player of Sydney City, which won the 1980 Philips League championship, Thomson is planning carefully for the Slickers' future by bringing young players through the ranks.

TONY KOVAC: One of the longest-serving soccer officials in Australia, Kovac retired from the Footscray J.U.S.T. presidency after 17 years but continues to serve on the committee.

JIM MANGOPOULOS: Retired from Heidelberg United's presidency after inspiring the most successful period in the club's history.

JOHN GARDINER: Player-coach who led Essendon Croatia to the Dockey Cup, the State League Cup, and the Ampol Cup last year.

GARY COLE: Set a new goalscoring record in notching 21 PSL league goals in 1980, Cole is

the PSL top scorer on aggregate, with 67 goals in all league and Cup goals.

MURRAY BARNES: Sydney City star who returned to the national team as captain and led the Socceroos by example on their world tour.

JOE MARSTON: Former Socceroo captain who was awarded the MBE in the Queen's New Year's honors list.

AGENOR MUNIZ: Marked his best season in Adelaide by being voted South Australian Player of the Year by the SA branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

LEN MCKENDRY: Developed a very effective, disciplined style that enabled his talented Heidelberg team to win the Philips League grand final 4-0 against Sydney City in Canberra. As Victorian State coach, he helped develop many of the current Socceroos.

JOHN MARGARITIS: Voted by the Press as 1980 Coach of the Year for his work in lifting South Melbourne Hellas from last place in 1979 to third in 1980.

ATTILA ABONYI: Led Melita Eagles to the NSW State League championship — his third successive title since turning to coaching.

NEIL WILLIAMS, BOBBY MCGUINNESS & GARRIE DOOLEY: The 1980 Rothmans Medallists of NSW, Victoria and South Australia respectively.

DATSON BACKS MARCONI

dominantly white, with red and blue trim.

Tony Henderson has been employed by Datsun as a salesman and for promotions to further link the company with soccer.

The Datsun name will be linked with coaching clinics which will be organised throughout NSW and staffed by Marconi players.

And Datsun cars will be available to Marconi club

members at discount prices.

The sponsorship details were announced at a lavish Press conference at the club today (Wednesday).

Marconi manager Urukalo spent six months negotiating the deal with Richard Cross, general affairs manager at Capitol Motors of Auburn, the biggest Datsun dealership in NSW.

Both men are enthusiastic about the deal.

"We want to make this the best sports sponsorship in Australia," Mr Cross said.

Meanwhile, Marconi has been trying out one of its former stars, Raul Carrizo, who is back from the US where he was player-coach of Sacramento and also played for the Tampa Bay Rowdies and the Washington Diplomats.

Jim Cant, the former Canberra City player who

joined Marconi last year, has switched to Sydney City, and Roberto Vieri has returned to Italy.

Vieri is back with Prato, the Italian Third Division club with which he started his career before moving on to Roma and Bologna.

All the other Marconi players have signed new contracts and Ian Hunter, recruited from Blacktown, should have recovered from a broken

leg within the next few weeks.

Hunter sustained the injury during the national youth team's visit to Fiji.

Another national youth player, Dennis Colusso, has been promoted to the senior squad from Marconi's second team, and Paul Degney is back after his cartilage operation.

The Marconi team is likely to be: Allan Maher — Peter Brogan, Ivo Prskalo, Jim Muir, Paul Degney — Gary Byrne, Tony Henderson, Peter Raskopoulos or Ian Hunter — Peter Sharne, Eddie Krnec, Mark Jankovics.

Giants, Wolves, Gunners and a Packer look

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Flashy team nick-names and smart new playing strips are being introduced as part of the Kerry Packer-style marketing thrust aimed at popularising the Philips League.

The new nick-names are:

Adelaide City GIANTS
West Adelaide HAWKS
Canberra ARROWS
Sydney OLYMPIANS
Wollongong WOLVES
Heidelberg WARRIORS
South Melbourne GUNNERS
Brisbane City GLADIATORS
Footscray EAGLES
Preston RAMS
Leichhardt STRIKERS

Brisbane LIONS, Sydney City SLICKERS and Blacktown RAIDERS are unchanged. Marconi is likely to become RAIDERS and Newcastle KB is yet to make a choice.

Rik Booth of Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd said: "These catchy nick-names will provide a new image for children. We asked kids their opinions in some research we did and they were all for such names."

Booth said colorful new playing strips, not only for PSL teams but

also for the Socceroos, would be introduced during the season to suit television.

"It's a new 1980s look, which will catch the eye," Booth said.

He said that preliminary research indicates the TV market for local soccer may be bigger than anyone had believed.

"I think we may well come up with a base target audience in Sydney and Melbourne of a million viewers if we package the game in the right way," he said.

"Also, there is a great potential for female support."

Booth had been pushing to change the name of the Philips League to the Australian Soccer League, but he conceded this week that he had "lost the battle".

He said that his fellow marketing officer, John Frank, had spent most of December travelling around Australia studying the feasibility of introducing summer soccer from late this year.

"He talked to meteorologists, sports medicine experts, ground managers, and a host of other relevant people," Booth said.

"We are preparing a report cov-

ering all possible contingencies and the final decision on summer soccer will depend upon that report."

Booth said the marketing company was looking for sponsors for individual clubs, for the Socceroos, referees, and various competitions.

Two books on soccer will be published by the company later this year.

One, aimed at the 7-10 age group will promote soccer as a fun game for youngsters and the other will be targeted at fathers to help them teach the game to their children.

John Frank also has studied the feasibility of introducing an indoor soccer competition. It would be tested this year and, if successful, introduced in 1982.

The marketing company will launch a new Australian soccer ball in March. Three companies will manufacture it and pay royalties to the ASF in return for using the official ASF logo.

Booth also runs Underline, which does marketing and sales promotion for a variety of big firms including Lever and Kitchen, Volvo, EOI, and Royal Doulton. Ten other people work for Underline and all of them are available to help on soccer projects.

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Xian Hongchin, captain of the Shandong Province team, showed typical Chinese modesty before playing against the touring Socceroos in late 1979.

"We will play as well as we can but we have much more experience and a big reputation. We are happy to learn from you," he said.

The Socceroos were to hear such self-deprecating throughout the tour. We will try hard but we are no good and you are so much better," said the Chinese in Shanghai and Canton.

It was John Made the Australians struck the first tests. Then the tour results were 1-0 to the Socceroos won four

and drew one of their five games in China before flying on to Taiwan.

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All set for a bumper year



RALE RASIC

The countdown has begun to the most exciting season in Australian soccer history.

The Socceroos will play their World Cup qualifying series, the youth team will take part in the world youth championships to be staged here, for the first time we have a 16-team Philips League, and a professional marketing approach should inject new life into the game.

I wish the PSL newcomers all the best of luck.

It's good to see Wollongong City and Preston providing PSL representation to new geographical areas. Wollongong in particular has the potential to be another Newcastle.

And Preston has managed in the space of a few short years to transform itself from an amateur set-up into a smart, professional sports club with its own licensed premises.

What's more Preston's team is first-class, even though the recruits that are expected.

The forward line of Robert Cullen, George McMillan and Gary Ward will cause problems galore to PSL defence, especially with midfield support from the tireless Jeff Faulkner and the brilliant Claude Lucchesi.

Tommy Docherty is in the process of slapping the rebuilt Sydney Olympic into shape.

Docherty has experienced league championships and also the embarrassment of relegation. He's been through the mill thoroughly and his great experience and professionalism should ensure Olympic of a good season. I wish him well.

As for my new club, Blacktown City, I must admit that the honeymoon is over. We have a beautiful stadium and social club and the atmosphere at Blacktown is first class but without a team it is of little consequence.

Therefore we are working hard to put together a side that can represent the area with distinction.

However, it doesn't help coming up against transfer fees such as the \$25,000 sought for Barry Kelso of Brisbane City and the \$30,000 for Paul Muller of Brisbane Lions.

Such "telephone" transfer fees can only do harm to soccer in this country. Look what they've done to the game in Britain!

The sooner the ASF steps in and regulates transfer fees, the better it will be for all the clubs and all the players.

Let's face it, no club in the league is enjoying financial success. Wouldn't it be better if we removed some of the financial strain?

I was pleased to read that West Germany, of the \$270,000 it received from its participation in the Gold Cup series in Uruguay paid a

share to the clubs that provided the national team players.

It should serve as an example to the PSL and the State Federations. If they paid a percentage of gate money to the clubs, it would encourage the clubs to release players more readily and it would also compensate them for any injuries the players might sustain.

With soccer starting as early as 15 February this year, PSL clubs will be forced to play a different style of soccer.

Because it is impossible to charge up and down the field endlessly in hot weather, the teams will be required to play more of a skillful possession game.

There is no doubt that the majority of players have the skill to play that way.

Such soccer will suit Footscray, Adelaide City, Heidelberg and probably Sydney City. They should therefore be the early pacers.

It's time all the bitching stopped over the national team. Let's all put our heads together and work towards one purpose — the good of Australian soccer.

If we qualify for the World Cup finals, we will be better off than if we don't qualify.

So let's stop squabbling, for heaven's sake.

It is not important who plays in the team, who coaches it, who happens to be the physiotherapist or the doctor. What is important that we all get behind the people who have been charged with the job of getting us to Spain, and it is important that the players themselves give 100% effort to get us there.

My only fear about the world youth championships in October is whether we can provide the type of hospitality that our visitors will be expecting.

The time for international sporting hospitality has been set by the hosts of World Cup finals, and by the hosts of Olympic Games.

In West Germany in 1974, for example, we could not have been treated more lavishly. In the USSR during the last Olympics, the hand of friendship was extended in the most gracious manner.

The leading officials who will be travelling with the 15 visiting teams in October will expect nothing less.

However, I do not see much evidence of adequate preparations.

What, for example, is being done at Hindmarsh Stadium? It never has had a Press box, much less Press telephones, yet it is to be used as a venue for the youth finals.

Are we to make ourselves a laughing stock in the eyes of the world?

WOLLONGONG, KB SIGN TOP KIWIS

New Zealand internationals Bill de Graaf, Clive Campbell, Steve Sumner and Clint Gosling will play in the Philips League this year.

And Brian Turner, the greatest Kiwi of them all, may also cross the Tasman — either for Wollongong or Newcastle.

Sumner, captain of the Kiwis, has joined Newcastle KB United from Christchurch United, along with Duncan Cole and Adelaide City's Glen Dods plus the arrival of the new Kiwis should give the Socceroos comprehensive knowledge of the New Zealand team they will have to play in the World Cup qualifying series, starting 26 April.

Newcastle, strengthened by Sumner, Gosling and recruits from England, appears strong

enough to challenge for the 1988 championship, while Wollongong coach Ken McLean has succeeded in assembling a squad which should achieve a respectable position in its first season.

Bob Mountford, the striker who guested with Newcastle in 1978, is back on an extended contract to link up with Paul Burrows, Graham Heys and David Jones, the other Newcastle forwards.

Mountford, 28, has played about 300 English league games and scored about 100 goals for Port Vale, Huddersfield and his last club, Stockport.

Newcastle coach Alan Vest was impressed by the form Mountford showed in scoring

both goals for Stockport in its 2-1 victory over Doncaster Rovers while Vest was in England recently.

Vest also signed Ian Buckley, 27, a left midfielder and former English youth international from Cambridge United.

Ken Morton, who coached Tasmanian champion team Rapid Wrest Point last season, has brought Wrest Point players David Smith, a striker, Ray Mohring, a centre back, and Peter Willis, a defender, to Wollongong with him. Full back Tony Dickinson and goalkeeper Robert Harrison of Tasmanian club Brighton ICL also have joined Wollongong.

Willis, formerly of Newcastle United, played sweeper at Wrest Point.

Like Vest, and with Vest's help, Morton went to England to sign new players.

They are:

John Lathan, midfielder from Mansfield Town, formerly with Sunderland, Portsmouth and Carlisle;

John Fleming, midfielder from Lincoln City;

Jeff Ainsworth, defender from Liverpool;

Chris Dunlevy, defender from Halifax Town.

Morton also has signed Lee Adams, a midfielder from Kiev of Perth.

In addition, Wollongong has gained goalkeeper Jim Preston and midfielder Peter Tredinnick from Newcastle.

Preston cost \$5000 and Tredinnick the \$2000 stipulated in his contract.

Alan Vest, whose side has ranked with Marconi, Sydney City and Heidelberg as the most consistent in the league, is confident of getting closer to the championship in 1988.

Laurie Schwab.

"On paper it's the best squad we've had," he said.

"We've strengthened the midfield and the defence so we should be able to shake up one or two this year. I just hope that we don't have as many injuries as last year."

But already, there are early-season casualties. David Jones is out for two or three weeks with a back injury and Brett Cowburn has a kidney ailment.

Newcastle KB United will receive \$200,000 in sponsorship money from Tooths Breweries over the next three years but it is continuing its work towards establishing a social club which will generate additional revenue.

KB will meet Canberra City in the first leg of their annual Prime Minister's Cup tie in Newcastle on 1 February.

On 3 February, KB will play a trial match against Sydney City at Nelson's Bay, where the Slickers will train for five days.

Wollongong City plays its next practice match against NSW State League club Auburn at Memorial Park, Corrimal, on Sunday at 3pm.

The Wollongong squad, with shirt numbers, so far, is:

1. Jim Preston
2. Peter Willis
3. Tony Dickinson
4. Chris Dunlevy
5. Jeff Ainsworth
6. Lee Adams
7. John Fleming
8. Clive Campbell
9. John Lathan
10. Jack Morland
11. David Jones
12. Lee Adams
13. Billy de Graaf
14. Ray Mohring
15. Peter Tredinnick
16. David Smith
22. Robert Harrison

Morland is from St. George and Vilestra from Wollongong United. Both are teenagers. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

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There's a touch of home Down Under for Shirra



Laurie Schwab

The surroundings may be different, but to a Scottish soccer player there's much about Australia to remind him of home. There are other Scottish soccer players, for example.

Jim Shirra, the South Melbourne Hellas recruit, will bump into many former opponents and team mates in the Phillips League. He remembers team-mate John Stevenson and Sydney City's Jim Cant from Hearts, and he was

at Aberdeen at the time George Campbell was there.

APLA's Billy Pirie was a team-mate of Shirra's at Dundee and he remembers Marconi's Jim Muir from Dumbarton. Shirra, 30, arrived last week, a few days after

Hellas's other recruit, Robert Stewart 19.

They flew as far as Manila together but while Stewart continued on to Australia, Shirra had to double back to Hong Kong first, because his flight ticket had to be amended.

Shirra had eight years with Falkirk in the First division and transferred from there to Aberdeen for \$60,000.

It was former Scottish national manager Ally McLeod who brought Shirra to Aberdeen. From there he switched to Dundee in 1977. He was valued at \$80,000 in a deal that also saw \$100,000 player Gordon Strachan move to Aberdeen.

Stewart joined Hearts of Midlothian at the age of 16 and had about 30 senior games there, in attack or midfield.

One of his most memorable matches was a 5-1 Cup victory over Celtic two seasons ago. He scored one of the goals.

Shirra's wife Helen and his two daughters Lora and Emma arrived with him last week.

Robert Stewart is single but he is eager to have his fiancee Sandra Guthrie join him soon.

Stewart joined Hearts of Midlothian at the age of 16 and had about 30 senior games there, in attack or midfield.

It was Eamonn Bannon, brother of Vince and Pat Bannon and former Hearts player, who recommended Stewart to South Melbourne.

"Eamonn phoned me up because he knew I wasn't getting on at Hearts, and asked me whether I wanted to go to Australia," Stewart said.

"I wasn't enjoying my football and I wasn't getting regular games after Bobby Moncur replaced Willie Ormond as Hearts' manager. Moncur tried to change my style. He was playing me sweeper."

Stewart believes his biggest assets are his ability to shield and lay off the ball, and to win it in the air. He therefore will have to vie with Alan Evans, unless Evans moved back into midfield. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

TV ROW TO BE SETTLED

A row over TV rights to the Coca-Cola world youth championships is expected to be settled soon at a meeting between the 10 Network, Channel 0-28 and the ASF.

Each network claims it has the exclusive rights to the championships and at one stage it looked like FIFA would have to make a ruling to break the deadlock.

But at the proposed meeting, the parties are expected to agree that the Ten Network does, in fact, have the rights.

It will make matches available to Channel 0 in selected time slots, and Channel 0 is expected to agree:

During the height of the row, it seemed that Channel 0's entire soccer coverage could be in jeopardy.

The argument was that commercial stations that participate in Channel 0's local

soccer coverage would withdraw if they did not get their share of the world youth championships.

Channel 0 has signed a contract with the ASF to cover the youth titles.

The 10 Network has been granted the TV rights by Coca-Cola, which sponsors the titles and which signed a deal with FIFA for the rights in November, 1979.

However, Channel 0-28 is set to agree to a compromise. It concedes that the 10 Network is better equipped to handle a project of such mammoth proportions.

The Network will film each of the 32 matches in the championships. Some will be shown live, some replayed, others will be farmed out to 0-28, and all will be made available to overseas TV as well.

Meanwhile, 0-28 has had enormous success with its telecasts of the Socceroos' tour matches, and the Gold Cup from Uruguay.

At Press time, the station's sports chief Peter Skelton was negotiating for a coverage of the world cup championship match between Nottingham Forest and National of Uruguay, to be played in Japan.

Skelton also wants to cover Australia's game against National at Olympic Park on 18 February.

Skelton has chosen three first-round matches to comprise the first edition of Channel 0's "Mig Match"-style Phillips League programme.

They are Newcastle v. Footscray, Adelaide City v. Sydney City and South Melbourne v. Marconi.

No time slot has yet been decided upon, but Skelton hopes for Friday night so that the programme also can preview the weekend's matches.

Les Murray of Canberra is likely to be anchor man and Skelton hopes that Hugh Johns, who commented some of the Socceroos' tour matches, will come from England to host the show from May to August.

A separate one-hour programme was to have coincided with the PSL kick-off, but it has been pushed back a month.

It will consist of match post-portions by a panel of experts, interviews with players and coaches, and film clips of overseas and perhaps State league matches.

A junior soccer programme hosted by Johnny Warren will start mid-year.

Sport Institute loses out to the cash lure

So much for the idea of housing the national youth players at the Sports Institute in Canberra and using them as a team in the new youth league!

Many youth squad members have preferred the lure of lucrative signing-on fees and match payments from PSL and State League clubs to the offer of scholarships at the Institute.

"National Director of Coaching, Eric Worthington, was mainly responsible for selecting scholarship winners but Sydney City's secretary David Childs says money wasn't the influencing factor."

"Jim Patikas, Grant Lee and Brett Woods had the chance to take up scholarships at the Institute but to my knowledge Gerardo Gomez was not invited," said Childs.

"Patikas is an established member of our PSL squad and immediately would drop out of the squad if he attended the youth program."

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McLachlan goes to Canberra

South Melbourne Hellas youngster Robbie MacLachlan flew to Canberra last Monday to enrol at the National Sports Institute.

MacLachlan, 16, accepted a two-year part scholarship at the Institute where he will be involved in an individual and team training program developed by the Institute's Director of Soccer, Jim Shoulder, former Australian national team coach.

The youngster will be one of 16 youths who will represent the Institute in the newly-formed national under-19 league.

MacLachlan started his competitive career with Victorian Metro Division One side Box Hill and joined Hellas in 1978.

His first representative honors were gained with the Victorian under-12s in 1976 and he has represented Victoria every year since.

The highlight of MacLachlan's representative career was in 1979 when he played for Australia in Perth against Malaysia.

"Playing for my country was absolutely fantastic, a tremendous experience," he said.

"I'm just as thrilled about this scholarship at the Cancer Research Institute as I was about playing for Australia."



By CRAIG MENZIES

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South Australian Ampol Cup standings:

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Para Hills.	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Ad City Giants.	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Cumberland.	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Amateurs.	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia.	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Second Div.	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
West Ad Hawks.	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
State Under 19.	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

SCORERS

2 — Marochi (Adelaide City Giants)
1 — Nyskohus (Giants), Leanne (Cumberland), Lindsay (Second Division), Amos (Para Hills), Mullen (Para Hills), Humphries (Para Hills), Caggiano (Croatia), Mahony (Cumberland)

Hellas v Heidelberg, Melita v Marconi

The draw for the first round of the Philips Cup is:
QUEENSLAND REGION (8 February)
Mt. Gravatt v Brisbane City, Perry Park, 3 pm.
Brisbane Lions v Townsville, Richlands, 3 pm.
Byes: Grange Thistle and Maroochydore.

WESTERN REGION
Adelaide City v Croatia Adelaide, Hindmarsh Stadium, 8 February 4 pm.
Para Hills v West Adelaide, Hindmarsh, 6 February, 8 pm.
Byes: Kingsway Olympic (WA), Cumberland Utd.

NSW REGION (April)
Wollongong City v Downer Olympic.
Canterbury-Marrickville v St. George.
Blacktown v Sydney City.
Melita Eagles v Marconi, Canterbury City v Newcastle KB Utd (8 Feb. in Canterbury), Sydney Olympic v Edgeworth Eagles.
Auburn v APIA-Leichhardt, Weston v Rapid West Point (Tas).

Victorian Region
South Melbourne v Heidelberg Utd, Wednesday, 4 March.
Juventus v Hakoah.

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The Adelaide City Giants and the Adelaide Hawks continued where they left off at the end of the PSL season last year.

The Giants picked up points comfortably while the Hawks again look a troubled team.

Bob D'ottavio's Giants cruised to a comfortable 3-1 win over brave Cumberland while the Hawks crashed 0-1 to last year's State league champion Croatia.

Croatia, coached last year by the Hawks' coach Billy Birch, achieved their success with 10 men after defender Tommy Williams was sent off after 32 minutes.

ADELAIDE CITY GIANTS 3 (Marocchi 36th and 46th, Nyskohus 34th)

CUMBERLAND 2 (Leanne 44th, Mahoney 63rd).

ADELAIDE CITY Hawks: Marshall 8 — Russell 9, Jones 8, Thomson 7, Kotier 8, Hard 8 — Illicic 7, Smythe 8, Leanne 7 — Caggiano 8, Hayes 7, Marwa 7.

CUMBERLAND: R. Parks 8 — Leanne 7, F. Parks 7, Hawes 7, Ball 8 — Sweeney 7, Mahoney 7, Dobney 7 — Leanne 8, Welsh 7, Panhurst 7.

MELITA EAGLES v WOLLONGONG

United 6.45 pm, Sat. 7/2/81, St George Stad.

CROATIA v PARRAMATTA CITY

Sydney 8.30 pm, Sat. 7/2/81, St George Stad.

BLACKTOWN CITY v BANKSTOWN CITY

6.45 pm, Fri. 12/2/81, St George Stad.

ST GEORGE B.S.C. v ARNCLIFFE SCOTS

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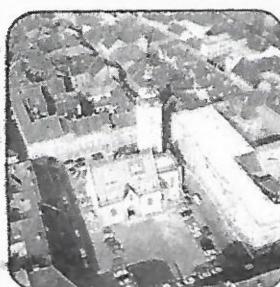
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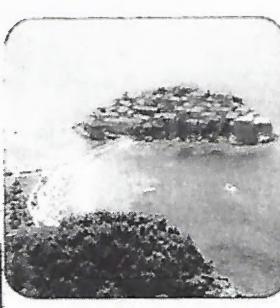


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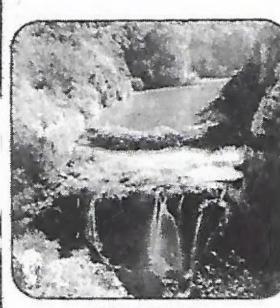
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GREAT DINAMO CLUB

Henderson to the
back would be
the finishing touch

By JOHNNY WARREN

AUSTRALIA 3 (Davidson 6th, Sharne 29th, Spanos 75th) **DYNAMO ZAGREB 3** (Bracun 51st & 64th, Bosnjak 57th) at Bruce Stadium, Canberra, crowd about 7000, weather about 32 deg.

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse 8 — Hogg 6, Tansey 7, Blair 7, David- son 8 — Henderson 7, Boden 7, (Raskopoulos 81st), Barnes 7 — Sharne 7, Cole 7 (Spanos 63rd), Krncevic 7 (Wheatley 71st).

DYNAMO: Stincic 7 — Zajec 8 — Cvetkovic 7, Bogdan 7, Mustedanagic 7, Bogdan 7, Tucak 7 — Poljak 7 (Kurtela 69th), Milin- ric — Deveric 8, Bracun 8, Kovacevic 7 (Bosnjak 8, 35th)

Referee: Bob Mee 8.

Australia's first-half performance was the best I have seen from our national team at this time of the year.

But I feel very strongly that to round off an increasingly competent combination, Tony Henderson must be returned to his former position.

Steve Blair did well in his first senior representative game as stopper, and he may well hold down that position permanently in the future.

At the moment, however, we need more experience there. It comes down to a choice between Henderson and Murray Barnes who did well there before going back to midfield for the game against Dynamo Zagreb.

I know Henderson as well as anyone, having coached him at Canberra City, and as far as I'm concerned stopper is his best position.

He needs the luxury of playing in the back, from where he can see more. In midfield he tends to get a little lost, but with all the play in front of him, he still can help his position man forward.

Steve Blair is better than Henderson in midfield, the position he plays for his club, Sydney City. He is also a regular goalscorer from midfield, whereas Henderson isn't.

Having watched the Australians surge to a 2-0 lead against Dynamo Zagreb and come back to draw 3-3 even after falling behind 2-3 during Dynamo's spirited fightback, I feel quite confident that we can qualify for the 1982 World Cup finals.

The two games against New Zealand will be the decisive ones in the preliminary Oceania group, and with this team, I reckon we can get through.

Clashes with New Zealand traditionally are fighting games, and Gutendorf has lots of fighters — Krncevic, Cole, Henderson, Davidson, Barnes, Yzendoorn etc.

What is most pleasing to me is that Gutendorf has developed so many young local players. I believe strongly in what he has been doing. If Gutendorf leaves tomorrow, he will leave behind the basis of a squad that can be successful for the next eight years.

As for Dynamo Zagreb, it obviously was affected by the travel and especially the 32 deg. heat.

However, it is a skilful, typically mid-European team, with good individuals. It does not however, measure up to the great Czech national side we saw last year.

Most of Dynamo's soccer is played on the ground, but dangerous crosses also are used and they are controlled mainly by Bosnjak, Deveric and Bracun, who scored two goals last Sunday.

Of the team that thrashed Australia 4-0 in icy conditions in Zagreb late last year, forwards Cerin and Krancar and defender Jovicevic did not play in Canberra.

Australia started very positively and went on to dominate the first half.

As early as the first minute, Australia threatened the Dynamo goal in a move started by a Tansey free kick. It was headed on by Krncevic to Cole before being turned for a corner. Sharne took

the corner, sending the ball to Blair who shot just wide.

Seconds later Tansey combined well with Boden whose shot hit the post!

Boden shot just wide in an individual effort, just before Alan Davidson shot Australia into the lead in the sixth minute.

What a sensational goal it was! Davidson, that much-publicised South Melbourne star, brought the ball forward from deep on the left, beating two defenders before playing a one-two with Cole and driving a 20-metre shot past keeper Jamie Stincic.

It was not until the seventh minute that Dynamo, which appeared sluggish, managed its first attack. It was left to Peter Sharne who like his fellow forwards did a lot of defensive work, to stop the attack by conceding a corner.

Then it was a reflex save by Greg Woodhouse that denied Milinric a goal after Woodhouse and Davidson had hesitated in dealing with a crossed ball.

Tansey and Davidson were having a very positive influence on the game and when Dynamo picked up the tempo and its sweeper and captain, Velemir Zajec, initiated a few dangerous attacks. In one such move, Milinric should have scored, but he was foiled by Henderson.

Australia went ahead 2-0 after 29 minutes.

Peter Sharne emulated Davidson's earlier effort, gathering the ball on the right touchline 35 metres out, charging into the goal line, cutting inside, accelerating past Tucak and scoring from a very acute angle.

Up to half time, Australia was rarely in trouble. One exception came in the 39th minute when Deveric dispossessed Davidson but shot badly.

Four minutes later, in a well-executed dead ball movement, Krncevic headed on a long throw from Barnes and Cole's final shot was deflected for a corner.

But any illusions we may have had about Australia going on with it after half time, were quickly dispelled when Dynamo, smarting from what must have been a stinging rebuke by its coach, came out showing a different temperament.

The Socceros were kept under sustained pressure and Zajec became more and more the director of Dynamo's activities. In the 47th minute a goal was denied him by another good save by Woodhouse — probably the best save of the game.

However, it was no surprise when Dynamo opened the game up with a goal in the 51st minute. It started with Cvetkovic who crossed from the right for Bracun to score from close range.

It was not Dynamo now, urged on by a predominantly Croatian crowd, and Woodhouse had to make two more good saves.

The young Australian defence was getting its first international experience the hard way. A poor clearance of one of many crosses saw the ball landing at the feet of Bosnjak who levelled the score with a 20-metre shot.

John Spanos of Sydney City came on in the 63rd minute, replacing Gary Cole in what was to prove a match-saving move.

But first Dynamo scored again to take a 3-2 lead. Milinric ran down the touchline, cut in along the goal line and tapped it back to Bracun who notched his second. No need to record here that the crowd went absolutely wild.

Then, with 15 minutes to go, Australia struck.

Barnes challenged Stincic on a cross from Sharne, leaving Stincic with no option but to palm the ball away rather than catching it. Spanos was there to volley it in from six metres.

DYNAMO IS OUT FOR REVENGE!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Dynamo Zagreb will be out to restore the prestige of Yugoslav soccer when it clashes with Victoria at 8.30 pm on Saturday at Olympic Park.



KEN MURPHY

DOBRODOSLI "PLAVI"
Vrijesno da se svijetoci
ove rubrike doći na Olympic
Park iduće subote uveče, da bi
videli međunarodni susret iz-
među reprezentacija Viktorije
i u pladnju predstavnika Ju-
goslovenskog nogometnog zagr-
ebackog Dinama. Ova utak-
mica ne uvodi u novu sezonu,
koja biti duže i neporin-
ično dosadnica.

Kada bude citati ove
redovne Dinamo će imati za
sobom dve odigrane utakmice
— u Srednjoj i Kanberi, ali svoju
pravu vrednost i mogućnosti
pokazat će u Adelaidi i u Mel-
burnu. Jos je jedan klub koji
zapoceti turneju pod sličnim
okolnostima. Nepuni 12 sati,
po dolasku iz Jedene Europe,
izasli su na užarom srednjiski
teren da odigraju nepravu
utakmicu protiv Novog
Juznog Velsa, koji predvodi
Zvornimir Rasic, zeljan slave i rehabilitacije. Ni
dva dana dočne u Kanberi, gde igraju protiv reprezentante
čije Adelaidu i Melburnu. Dinama
može biti dovoljno odmor i ak-
limatizovan, zbog cege prve
dve utakmice ne smemo uzeti
u obzir kada govorimo o snazi i
vrednosti Dinama. Ako budu
postigli povoljne rezultate u
prvim susretima, onda
možemo slobodno reći da su
"supermeni".

Ne treba zaboraviti da repre-
zentacija Australije ne može
zaboraviti ponosujući poraz u
Zagrebu, posto nije tehnički
dosarao Dinamu, pokusava da
se sveti snagom. A ni domaća
sudija se ne mogu optužiti za
nedostatak "patriotizma".
Nadamo se da sve to neće
uticati na jugoslovenske
goste da upadnu u klopu,
koja je druga evropska klu-
bove izbežila iz koloseks
svoje igre i sportskog pona-
šanja.

U svakom slučaju,
sportskoj ekspediciji zagr-
ebackog Dinama zelimo
mnogo uspeha i lepih utakica
iz Australije. Nadamo se da
ce im pripremci na ovom kon-
tinentu pomoći da se ponovo
vinu u vrh jugoslovenskog
nogometnog, gde im je mesto
po tradiciji i stvarnoj vred-
nosti.

The mighty Vics will be at-
tempting a hat-trick of wins
over Yugoslav club sides after
beating Partizan 1-0, and Red
Star 2-1.

Victorian coach Len McKen-
dry watched Dynamo's 2-1 loss
to NSW and 3-3 draw with
Australia last weekend and he
will be well prepared to counter
er his opponents' strengths.

Essendon Croatia player
Ken Murphy probably will
line-up in the Vic alongside
midfielder Jamie Paton and
MLDAN MUNJAKOVIC.
Other players in the touring
party are Zvezdan Cvetkovic
20, Ivan Poljak 29, Marian
Vlak 25, Branko Tucak 29,
Milivoj Bracun 23, and Vlatko
Kuzec.

SNJEZAN CERIN: striker,
26, excellent in the air and has
a powerful shot.

MARKO MLINARIC: mid-
fielder, 20.

MLDAN MUNJAKOVIC:
midfielder, 19.

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When Dynamo thumped
Australia 4-0 late last year on
the Socceros world tour there
were six Victorians who ex-
perienced the snow in Zagreb.

They are Davidson, Tansey,
Yzendoorn, Semelidis, Cole
and Paton and they will appre-
ciate the warmer conditions of
Saturday night's match.

The Vics will fully extend
their pre-g游ous opponents but
with the honour of Yugoslav
soccer at stake the Dinamo
players should need no further
motivation to perform at their
best.

Davidson, Campbell and
Rooney look the best bet for
the midfield. The likely defensive line-up
is John Yzendoorn, if fit, John
Gutendorf, Steve Kokosa and
Jim Tansey.

South Melbourne keeper
Peter Laumets will have his
work cut out if Dynamo's Stjepan
Deveric and Svetozar Cerin
combine up front.

Dynamo's star player is
captain Velemir Zajec who has
played over 250 club games
and represented Yugoslavia 15
times.

Other top Dinamo players
are SELIMIR STINCIC:
Goalkeeper, 30, a regular first
team player and has played
more than 300 matches.
Played on four occasions with
the Yugoslav team.

CEDOMIR JOVCEVIC:
Full back, 30. Regular first
team player. Played with Sut-
jeska before joining Dinamo in
1974.

MARINKO KURTELA:
Midfielder, 29. Played for
Hajduk before joining Dinamo
two years ago. Played four
times for the Yugoslavian
national team.

SECKO BODGAN: De-
fender, 24. Joined Dinamo as a
junior. Played nine times for
the national team.

DRAGAN BOSNJAK: Mid-
fielder/striker, 24. Has pre-
viously played for Voivodina.

ABID KOVACEVIC: Left
striker, 29, joined Dinamo in
1979 from Borac where he was
the top player and goal scorer.
He has played eight times for
the national team and is con-
sidered the best left winger in
Yugoslavia.

IZEMAL MUSTEDAN-
AGIC: midfielder, 25. Joined
Dinamo three years ago from
Borac.

STJEPAN DEVERIC:
Right striker, 19, has played 10
times for the national team.

Flashback to Olympic Park

Pavlovic (centre) is present

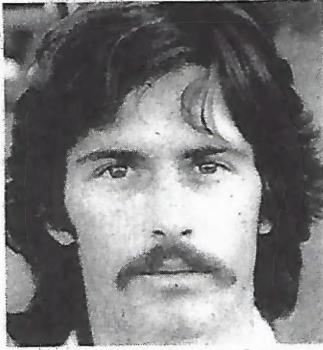
Bogovic (left) and Tony Vrzic



Dynamo players celebrate their
goal over traditional rival Hajduk S
league match.

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Australian captain Murray Barnes

Despite the thousands of words written about the November-December tour, the thousands of miles of travel and the match results, Australia still has the ability and talent to reach the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

Brave words possibly, and certainly contrary to many of the reports from and since the tour, but I believe some of the positive results have been overlooked in the welter of controversy surrounding personalities.

Australia completed the eight-match programme with two wins, two draws and four losses, yet the result could so easily have been six wins. There is no way Australia had the skills to beat either Fiorentina in Florence, or Dinamo Zagreb in Yugoslavia.

But if this review is to be factual, it must start at the beginning, when the young hopefuls took wing to foreign climes with the stated object of finding a national eleven to qualify for Spain.

"The Perils of Pauline", the adventurous heroine of early movie serials, was never faced with some of the problems which the Socceroos encountered on their world merry-go-round.

Probably one of the simplest descriptions was coined early in the tour by Ivo Prskalo and readily adopted by party members when he witnessed an opening spat at Sydney Airport on the night of departure and turned to his teammates with the word... "Unbelievable."

It sums up an incredibly arranged trek which involved 70 hours in jet travel, 70 hours waiting at airports, 40 hours going to and from grounds and airports in buses, 20 take-offs from airports, and booking into 18 hotels in the 33 days itinerary.

The list then becomes endless — the petrol drivers strike in Sydney, the national strike on arrival in Greece, woeful training facilities in Athens, a security scare at Milan, hotel fire alarms in England, tour match confusion, and the unending travel.

There are many more but maybe they could fit under the heading of incidents, such as no ball to start the second half of the match against Leicester City, Australia kicking-off in both halves against Israel, and the match shirts problem where the Australians were given short-sleeve nylon summer shirts to play against Dinamo Zagreb in a temperature of two degrees and snow and would up with long-sleeve thick winter jerseys for the international against Indonesia in the tropics.

Criticism of the tour was constant, and the national coach Rudi Gutendorf never minded words about the effect on the players. At one stage he called them "burnt-out", and after the loss to Hong Kong he bluntly stated the players were not tired but "dead".

Gutendorf was the centre of continuing controversy during the tour with his penchant for publicity, substitutions and positional experiments. Throughout the tour which accompanied him, he staunchly maintained his claim that the tour had resulted in positive benefits.

Alan Davidson, Murray Barnes, Allan Maher and Greg Woodhouse are four names he readily quotes as success stories and who will serve Australia well for years to come.

Davidson, the find of the year, came into the team as an unheralded youth product and came home as "numero uno". His development as the tour progressed was astounding, and Gutendorf believes if he continues to improve he will be worth a minimum \$300,000 on the overseas transfer market by the end of 1981.

He gave valuable support to the often hard-pressed defence, and linked well with Barnes and the keeper of the moment. Barnes also grew in stature as stopper and captain and his future appears to be in defence. At times when he ventured upfield, he momentarily looked out of place and lacked the finesse required, but rarely was uncomfortable in the back four.

If Woodhouse had the experience of Maher, or Maher had the youth of Woodhouse, Australia would have two of the top keepers in the world. Maher lived up to his title of "Spider" with lightning reflex saves which brought looks of anguish and pats of praise from goal-hungry strikers.

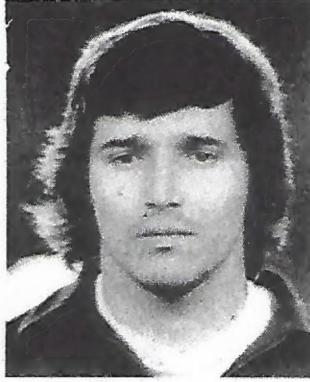
Rating slightly below this quartet must come Ken Boden, whose exceptional skill qualified him on a level with many of his overseas peers, and Peter Sharne, the flying winger who could "catch a pigeon" according to Israel coach, Jack Mansell. Boden created many openings as a midfield link, while Sharne intelligently used his infrequent opportunities to speed behind the defence.

Eddie Krcevic maintained a high work-rate in every match, as did Steven Hogg, John Yzendoorn and Mark Jankovics. Yzendoorn, who was felled by tonsilitis and glandular fever at the start of the journey, made a remarkable recovery to rejoin the team, and proved the turning point in the Indonesian clash when he revitalised a sluggish midfield.

Jim Tansey and Steve Perry, until injured,

We can still make it

By TED SIMMONS, who was on tour with the Socceroos.



Argentinian star Daniel Bertoni — played for Fiorentina against the Socceroos

but initiated few attacking moves and failed to combine effectively with his fellow defenders on a number of occasions.

Of the remaining players, there appears to be room for improvement. It was obviously not Gary Cole's tour and the big striker failed to find his scoring boots. Maybe it was the strenuous season, but even open chances went begging.

Tony Henderson was another who did not measure up to his known form, while Jamie Paton, Arno Bertogna and John Spanos were given few opportunities to impress. Theo Selimidis at times showed flashes of skill in midfield, but failed to complete movements by taking the ball too far or passing poorly.

The tour began with a promising but controversial 3-3 result against Greece in Athens. A hotly disputed penalty one minute from full-time enabled Greece to snatch a draw after the Australians had gained their second wind to take the lead with two minutes remaining.

Although publicised as a national and near-World Cup side, the Greek coach experimented with some of his younger players and kept his stars in wraps for the coming World Cup qualifying match with Italy. On their home ground they were expected to win, and the way they dominated most of the second half it seemed the prediction would be correct until the tourists suddenly snapped into life.

ALL THE TOUR DETAILS

AUSTRALIA 3 GREECE 3 at Alexandra Stadium, Athens, Nov 11 at 2.45 pm.

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse 8 (Maher 75m), Perry 8, Tansey 8, Prskalo 8, Barnes 8, Henderson 8, Boden 8 (Jankovics half time), Davidson 9, Sharne 7, Cole 7 (Selimidis 60m), Krcevic 7 (Bertogna 78m).
GREECE: Balalis, Konstantinos (Mavromatis 78m), John Giannakos (Vassilis 11m), John Papadimitriou, Petros Rousouli, George Panagiotis, Costa Reis, George Zindros, George Koudas (Delikaris half time), Greg Hane, Lambidis, Milos Domazos (Mavromatis 74m), John Demetakis (Vassilis 79m).

SCORERS: Woodhouse 8m, Demetakis 25, Domazos 88m, Barnes 8m, Selimidis 80m, Delikaris 89m (penalty).
REFEREE: Dileki Vourakis (Athens). Crowd: 11,300.

YELLOW CARDS: Krcevic 10m, Prskalo 8m.

AUSTRALIA 0 ENGLAND "B" 1 St Andrews, Nov 17, at 7.30 pm.

AUSTRALIA: Maher 8, Perry 8 (Selimidis 60m), Tansey 7, Barnes 7, Prskalo 7, Henderson 7, Davidson 8 (Hogg 21m), Boden 7 (Tanevko 62m), Cole 8 (Bertogna 77m), Krcevic 8.

ENGLAND: Gary Bailey, Brandan Batson (Kevan Bond 60m), John Bailey, Steve Williams, Joe Gallagher, Billy Wright, Alan Sunderland, Dennis Mortimer, Cyrille Regis (Tony Morley 81m), Gordon Cowans, Peter Ward.

SCORER: Peter Ward 51m.

REFEREE: Peter Raaves. Crowd: 3,292.

AUSTRALIA 0 FIORENTINA 2, Florence, Wednesday Nov 19 at 7.00 pm.

AUSTRALIA: Maher 8 (Woodhouse 85m), Perry 8, Davidson 8, Prskalo 7, Barnes 8, Henderson 7, Sharne 6, Boden 8 (Selimidis 84m), Cole 7 (Jankovics half time), Tansey 6, Krcevic 7.

FIORENTINA: Gallo (Palluccio 73m), Relli, Contratti (Tandil half time), Guerrini (Gallatini 71m), Ferroni, Orlando (Novak 81m), Restelli (Bacchetti half time), Casagrande (Mora 81m), Fattori (Dauzat half time), Antognoni, Bertoni.

SCORERS: Antognoni 10m (penalty), Casagrande 48m.

REFEREE: Raul Bergamo. Crowd: Approx 8,000.

AUSTRALIA 2 LEICESTER CITY 1 at Filbert St. Stadium, Leicester on Monday Nov 24 at 7.30 pm.

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse 8, Perry 7, Davidson 8, Barnes 8, Bertogna 7, Prskalo 8, Henderson 7 (Yzendoorn 54m), Sharne 7 (Jankovics 81m), Hogg 7 (Selimidis 88m), Krcevic 8, Boden 8 (Cole 84m).

LEICESTER CITY: Wellington, Scott, Mark Goodwin, Williams (May 57m), John O'Neill, Hernitt, Linaker (Gibson 57m), Martin Henderson (Byrne 75m), Kevin



Mimiz Domazos — played his 50th international for Greece in the game against Australia.

Against England B, the Socceroos were rated as the underdogs but with a chance of moving up on the world scale if they could achieve a good result. Their subsequent one-nil loss was praised, but what a different story if Gary Cole had converted one of his three chances. England's professional superiority was quickly on display with players like Gary Bailey, Billy Wright, Alan Sunderland, Cyrille Regis and Peter Ward, but they squandered their chances while the Australians appeared to lack the confidence to score.

In Florence, three players valued at a total of \$6.5 million were named in the Fiorentina team, Casagrande, Bertoni and Antognoni, and their skill proved the decisive factor in the 2-0 success of the home team. Australia matched the Italians in midfield and build-up but lacked finishing power.

Fiorentina coach Paul Carosi said Australia's technical play was good and they pressurised well all over the field. However, on the occasions the Socceroos did penetrate the Italian defence, there was always someone to clear or the final pass was wasted.

The accurate boot of Boden gave Australia a memorable 2-1 victory over Leicester City and the score should have been higher. Two penalties awarded to the home team almost enabled it to draw except for a marvelous anticipatory save by Woodhouse on full time. Australia

had the ball at the end.

On the few occasions they got their act going, such as against Indonesia and Leicester City, the Australians looked every inch the number one nation in the Pacific-Asian area. And this is the problem that will give Gutendorf nightmares over the next few months leading up to the World Cup qualifying rounds.

During the tour, he experimented with a spiral system, where all of the players explode from defence into attack, but it was not a success mainly due to the failure of understanding in the linking areas, or, as the players indicated, the lack of a midfield.

"My style is to play without a midfield or playmaker," said Gutendorf. "It is simpler to push the ball forward and use the speed and power of Sharne and Cole to penetrate. Australians don't have the fine skills and control of top overseas footballers, and they give too many balls away when they come up against cultured football."

Gutendorf's substitutions became a running sore with the team and left the players uncertain of where they should play or how they should play. But more importantly, it prevented them from blending together and getting to know each other on the field.

Murray Barnes was the only member of the 19-strong squad to play in every game for the entire 90 minutes. At some stage, every other player was substituted.

By tour's end, a playmaker, a spiral system, an aggressive two-man midfield and no midfield had all been tried, but none was an outstanding success.

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Alan Davidson — star of the tour

dominated this match in its best performance of the tour.

It was quickly brought back to earth when Dinamo Zagreb crushed it 4-0 in ice and snow at Zagreb. Dinamo led 3-0 at half time as the Australians foundered in the freezing conditions. The visitors were never a threat at any stage, and apart from scrambling and sliding around the slippery field, failed to find a counter to the two-winger attack adopted by Dinamo.

A return to warm weather in Israel gave the Socceroos a much-needed energy transfusion in their 1-0 win at Beersheba. The flying speed of Sharne led the revival against a side which was more skilful on the day but didn't have as many open chances as the tourists. Sharne broke through a number of times with long solo runs, as did Cole and Selimidis but the chances again went begging.

It was controversy again and headlines when Hong Kong scraped to a 1-0 success in a fiery, incident-packed match which resulted in Boden being sent off, three players being cautioned and frequent fouls. Australia launched attack after attack, despite being one man short, only to see the opportunities slip by. It showed signs of tiredness in the second half and was unsettled by a series of late tackles, heavy body clashes and a stream of free kicks awarded against it.

Gutendorf aptly summed up after the game when he said "It's hard enough for ten players to compete against 11, but it is impossible against 12".

Indonesia provided a fitting finale and the 1-1 draw satisfied the huge crowd of about 60,000.

The Socceroos played as though it was the start of the tour and the result was even better considering Indonesia had beaten Hong Kong 4-0 a week earlier and had just returned from a three months tour of Brazil. The big spark came when Yzendoorn took over as sweeper after Spanos had replaced Prskalo in the 19th minute.

At stages, Gutendorf had considered the use of Tansey, Davidson and Yzendoorn as libero, a player to be free to move from behind the defence and initiate and join raids into opposition territory. Only in Jakarta did the back line also become an attacking unit.

Prskalo covered his role as sweeper satisfactorily in every match, but was disappointing in ball distribution and attack.

His style of play did not blend with Davidson, Yzendoorn and Hogg, and the younger players were more intent on creating moves rather than clearing the ball.

On the few occasions they got their act going, such as against Indonesia and Leicester City, the Australians looked every inch the number one nation in the Pacific-Asian area. And this is the problem that will give Gutendorf nightmares over the next few months leading up to the World Cup qualifying rounds.

During the tour, he experimented with a spiral system, where all of the players explode from defence into attack, but it was not a success mainly due to the failure of understanding in the linking areas, or, as the players indicated, the lack of a midfield.

"My style is to play without a midfield or playmaker," said Gutendorf. "It is simpler to push the ball forward and use the speed and power of Sharne and Cole to penetrate. Australians don't have the fine skills and control of top overseas footballers, and they give too many balls away when they come up against cultured football."

Gutendorf's substitutions became a running sore with the team and left the players uncertain of where they should play or how they should play. But more importantly, it prevented them from blending together and getting to know each other on the field.

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SOCCEROOS ON TOUR



Jimmy Mackay



Billy Vojtek



Cedo Cirkovic



John Gardiner



Bobby McLachlan



Frank Munro



Ken Kontra



Frank Micic

The Australian team has no adequate plan of attack. That is the majority view of eight leading soccer personalities.

Most of them agree that Jimmy Rooney should be brought back into the squad but they also believe that Australia still has a good chance of qualifying for the World Cup finals in Spain.

The eight experts are:

BILLY VOJTEK: Scored 13 goals in 43 games for Australia and is now player-coach of Victorian First Division club Western Suburbs;

JIMMY MACKAY who played in the 1974 World Cup finals during his 52 games for Australia;

FRANK MUNRO, capped 13 times for Scotland and now coach of Victorian First Division club Albion Rovers after stints with Hellas and Juventus;

FRANK MICIC, nine games for Australia and more than 60 for Victoria;

CEDO CIRKOVIC, player and coach of Footscray J.U.S.T. over a 14-year period;

BOBBY MCLACHLAN, coach of Victorian State League club Ajax and coach of the 1978 Australian schoolboys squad that toured the U.S.;

KEN KONTRA, former Victorian State coach;

JOHN GARDINER, dual Rothmans Medallist and former player-coach of Essendon Croatia.

MUNRO, they're playing well defensively, but not in attack. The object now must be to settle down into a set 11. I like Henderson in midfield. Cole is playing up front with no support, but when he does get through, he sometimes misses badly, like against England 'B'. Davidson's been as good as anyone. He's better at left back than midfield where he's a bit lost. If Tansey plays left back, Davidson could be sweeper. He's quick, he reads the game perfectly. I'm disappointed he hasn't given Paton an extended run, as he and Cole together are dynamite. I've been impressed by Sharne but there's still room for Rooney, the old head, to steady it down. Too many are giving the ball away at the moment. Barnes has been a big success, a plus for the coach, Davidson's great, and I think Vince Bannon could be brought in as right back. He's better than the others. As for the World Cup, we have a good chance.

MACKAY, the team is not as well organised and

there's not as much self-discipline as 1974. Whether the many changes cause that I don't know. They're not putting three or four passes together at the moment. The first 15 minutes against England 'B' every tackle was a free kick, and the team looked slow. Our defence is good but we're not creating chances. When we do, they are only individual efforts, not the result of team build-ups. Midfield is not adequate, not a unit. Also, the team seems to change for every game but I think they'll qualify because I don't think the standard of the opposition is the best. I'm disappointed Rooney's not in it. He had a bad trot, but everyone does, and even if he's not in the first 11, it's reassuring to the other players to have him in the squad for his great attitude and experience. In the PSL Cole is given maybe eight or 10 chances by his midfielders, and he scores one or two. Against top company and without much midfield support, he's getting maybe two or three chances which is not enough. The team of 1974 was based on an excellent group of midfielders.

Warren, Richards, Rooney, Baartz, Campbell. We have few recognised midfielders today. But you have to feel for the boys — the travel, the hard season. We've got the right playing style for away games — defence and quick counter-attacks — but I don't know about home games, when we'll be up against a packed defence.

VOJTEK: In regards to the tour, I can't go along with the excuse that the boys were tired. All past tours have been difficult and all past tours have been at the end of a hard season. In 1970, we played 15 matches all over the world in less than five weeks. What Gutendorf should have been looking for is to stabilise the team so he could come back with a set unit to represent Australia in the World Cup qualification rounds. That, after all, was the reason the team went on tour in the first place. The way the players began in Greece was encouraging and I thought they may go on from there. Even the result against England B was very respectable and it appeared Gutendorf may have hit upon a steady team but all that fell by the wayside. Against Floren-

Experts see faults in forward play and midfield

tinia we didn't use our best team — why not? Was Rudi scared of losing? The team was chopped and changed against Dynamo Zagreb and it was probably during that game that any remaining confidence was drained from the players. Now I must correct reports that the victory against Israel was the first by an Australian team over there. In fact, we beat a much, much stronger Israeli team in Tel Aviv in 1970 in front of 55,000 people. This time Israel fielded only its second-string side. The result on paper is of course a good one so the players do deserve credit for it's always very hard to win away. Yet after that good result, they had a disgraceful 0-1 loss to Hong Kong, which indicates that the team is not stable enough and still doesn't know how to be consistent. Is that due to too many changes? It is due to players being taken off when they feel that they need more time to settle down into play? All players must be encouraged to play up to their ability but at the moment they do not have the confidence to do what they are able to because as soon as they make a mistake, they are taken off. As for style of play, I don't really think we have one. Against Indonesia we should have had three big strikers up front all the time. I don't see why strikers should have to drop back to defend in the penalty area against an Indonesia team which must be considered one of our weaker World Cup opponents. Eddie Krcevic must be up front all the time because he can score consistently with headers. In midfield we should have a mixture of good ball players and hard tacklers. Australia should put four or five Bodens on the field. Then we'd have a good chance.

If the team is left unchanged this year then our chances of qualifying for the World Cup finals will be far greater. Nevertheless I still think we will qualify.

MICIC: The team was hard to judge from this tour because players were tired after a long season and extensive travel. They looked ragged, sloppy, they lacked sharpness in the game against Israel. Gutendorf is making too many changes. Krcevic has the physique and energy to be a typical midfielder, so he should stay there and learn the position. Cole can't play anywhere else, so he must be the striker. We need one experienced man in midfield. Rooney maybe

and forwards do not link up together. Gutendorf is aware of that himself. He must have come back a wiser man for this tour and so he should be able to make the team even stronger. One problem is there are not many tremendously outstanding stars about. Of the good ones, Gutendorf has most of the, with only one or two exceptions. Maybe Rooney and Muir could come back. We need a good central axis — goalkeeper, sweeper, centre half, defensive midfielder — like Reilly, Wilson, Schaefer, Richards of 1974. There may be too many substitutions but who's to say the nature of the players wouldn't have prompted any other coach to do likewise. What is most important is that the 11 players on the field give 100 percent effort.

GARDINER: Too many players have been used, and still too many changes and substitutions are being made. They're defending

well, but it's easier to defend than to play attacking soccer. They must work more on getting players forward. As things are I pity poor Gary Cole up there all by himself. Sharne comes back very deep too and when he does go on his runs, he out-speeds even his team mates, and when he crosses it there's no-one there to score. Rudi must leave at least two strikers right forward, otherwise we won't score. Krcevic should be up there together with Cole. But we've got to give them all credit for the huge amount of work load they carry. Gutendorf had two years to settle the team but he's still mucking about. In four months he'll have to produce a settled team and stand up and be counted. I hope for the sake of Australian soccer he's successful. We've missed Tommy Cumming. He'd be an asset. He gets in to scoring positions, while Sharne runs up and falls over. Physical strength and defence are our greatest assets, plus speed up front. An effort should be made to persuade Gary Byrne to play, also they give the ball away too easily. The goalkeeper kicks it up, it comes back and they're under pressure again.

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SCORING DISMAL

Statistically, the Socceroos' world tour was their most unsuccessful of modern times.

On the world tour of 1976, the Socceroos failed to score in only one of their 11 matches but this time, despite having a promising set of forwards, they were held scoreless in four of their eight tour games.

They scored an average .86 goals and conceded an average 1.6 goals a game. The 1976 touring team had exactly the same defensive record but scored more goals — an average 1.45 a game.

The Australian team of 1976 was the first to drop a

value in Indonesia and the first to lose in Hong Kong —



Report and pictures by **LES SHORROCK** who travelled with the youth team

Australia's team for the Israeli youth tournament. Back row: David Skeen, Tony Radford, Dennis Ivanac, Vlatko Belic, Gerardo Gomez, Peter Raskopoulos, John Little, Grant Lee. Middle Row: Oscar Crino, Glen Ahern, Ian Hunter, Steve Blair, Calvin Daunt, David Mitchell, David Watt. Front Row: Spencer Thorpe (massuer), Robert Wheatley, Paul Kay, Michael Weinstein (tour leader), Rudi Gutendorf (coach), Brian Emery (ASF Youth Development Officer), Brett Woods, Jim Patikas.

The ASF's Youth Development programme, aimed at the best possible team in the Coca-Cola World Youth Championships in October, took its most ambitious step yet in the Israel Winter Youth Tournament.

At first, it was intended to by-pass the Oceania Tournament in Fiji, but when sponsorship was forthcoming, it was decided to go — a decision that rebounded when captain Ian Hunter broke his leg in the final against New Zealand, which was lost in extra time.

Hunter's inability to travel to Israel was probably the single most telling factor in the young Socceroos' Israel performances, for at one blow the team lost a skilful midfielder, its best striker and most of all an inspiring captain.

It had been intended to augment the Fiji party of 18 by the addition of two more players, but the omission of Hunter and also Craig McLauchey, who was injured, forced the ASF to reverse the original famous decision not to send a physiotherapist, and Leichhardt's Spencer Thorpe and assistant coach Bill Curran were added at the last minute.

While the Israel FA had a doctor in attendance at the hotel that accommodated all five sessions, no physiotherapy treatment was available and it is no exaggeration to say that we would have been struggling to field a team had it not been for Thorpe's efforts.

Several of the Fiji party arrived carrying minor injuries after the hard grounds there and the steamy heat of Fiji, followed by Sydney's humidity and then the icy cold, of Israel in winter saw half the party down with 'flu in the first week.

The party was: from N.S.W., Gerry Gomez, Paul Kay, Grant Lee, Jim Patikas, Peter Raskopoulos, Dave

Skeen, David Watt, Robert Wheatley, and Brett Woods. From Victoria, Vlatko Belic, Steve Blair, Ian Hunter, and John Little. From South Australia, David Mitchell and Tony Radford, Queenslanders Glen Ahern and Calvin Daunt, and the West's lone representative was Denis Ivanac.

The party arrived just after dusk in Israel on Christmas Eve but Rudi Gutendorf insisted on a training session right away.

Since Christmas is not observed in Israel, it was busy as usual the next day too, with two training sessions, and then a further session arranged as Gerry Gomez was found to be unfit with a coked thigh and Dave Skeen kicked his ankle in training. Glen Ahern went straight to bed with the 'flu, although he played in the disappointing opening game against Greece. The Greek game set the pattern for the trip, as far as the Aussies were concerned. They soon gained midfield domination but couldn't finish, and they were to suffer the same fate in the games against Sweden and Israel.

Vlatko Belic, who had a reasonable game in midfield against Greece, was the next 'flu victim and he missed the rest of the tournament.

Almost straight away it was seen that the squad was over-loaded with defenders but was light on attackers and although Gutendorf later tried shifting the emphasis to Oscar Crino up front at one stage, he was always handicapped by having no more than 13 outfield players available from which to pick 10 which severely limited his options.

On January 2, the day after the tournament ended, the other four countries' squads departed, leaving the Aussies virtually to themselves, and with the swimming pool and tennis courts closed for the winter, they were able to concentrate on twice-daily training with three friends for relief.

They improved noticeably with specialised training and being together, and Gutendorf observed that had the competition been played then, the Aussies would have won.

The biggest benefit, as far as the development programme was concerned, was that a hard core of players had

YOUTH SQUAD NEEDS SEVEN NEW PLAYERS



The closing ceremony of the Israeli winter tournament at Ashdod.

The successes, who should keep their places, were the two goalkeepers, Ahern and Ivanac, full-backs Wheatley and Woods, stopper Steve Blair, whom all the other coaches generously conceded was the best player of the tournament, Dave Skeen, as sweeper and Oscar Crino.

Crine played well, but his knee could prove a problem and all the coaches, except only David Mitchell, looked worth persevering with.

Peter Raskopoulos took over the captaincy in Hunter's absence but had a poor tournament, no doubt hampered by being unable to shake off the 'flu.

Rudi Gutendorf was critical of the PSL clubs who snap up promising boys and then sit them on the bench for the rest of the season, which has been the fate of Jim Patikas and several other lads. "How can they learn sitting on the bench?" he says, bitterly, and he's right.

Manager and Youth Development officer Brian Emery said that the tour had been valuable experience, but the search for more players must go on and Gutendorf will visit all the States to trial any who

him, and if we are not to be made to look foolish in October, another seven players at least must be found and groomed by June when the ASF hopes to take part in the Mexican youth tournament, where teams of the calibre of England, Holland, Italy, Mexico and the U.S. will be encountered.

Romanian coach Mircea Raducescu said on his return to Australia from Israel that he was impressed by the physique of the Australian players and that they would be dangerous opponents in the youth finals if they continue to improve.

It was particularly impressive by Steve Blair, Peter Raskopoulos and Oscar Crino.

It seemed only a matter of time before they scored but despite forcing opening after opening, the nearest they came was when Vlatko Belic, clean through, hit the bar.

Steve Blair came up for one corner and was dropped in the penalty box by a defender's left hook.

The linesmen flagged vigorously and was eventually consulted by FIFA referee Abraham Klein, who to everyone's amazement, didn't even speak to the player identified by the linesmen.

The Australians dominated as the second half started but were checked when a scoreless

voiced past Ahern to put Greeks ahead.

In an effort to inject more punch up front, Gutendorf brought on Tony Radford for Paul Kay and David Mitchell for Daunt, but the Aussies continued to squander their chances.

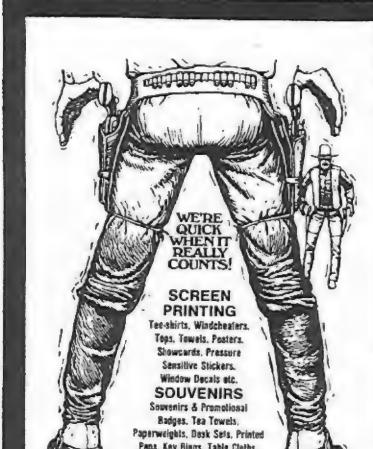
Greece's Nick Grammenos was sent off in the 80th minute, but Greece hung on comfortably for a hard-earned win.

ISRAEL 0 SWEDEN 1

ISRAEL: Ginzburg, Ozan (Jair), Pizavri, Shiri, Kirshner, Stamo, Weizman (Mejika), Makila, Balachsan, Ehaetkin (Shoshani), Begleber.

SWEDEN: Andersen S., Andersen P., Andersen U (Holter), Bergman, Holm, Willborg, Emilsson, Lindkvist (Persson), Petersson, Mark, Svensson.

Referee, Marinella, Greece. Swedes, which had arrived only hours before the match, looked somewhat jaded, but composed, and although Israel had most of the game, Sweden snatched the points late in the game with a glorious diving header by Stefan Petersson



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Australian full back Brett Woods shoots at goal in the match against Greece.



Rudi Gutendorf (left), conducts training as Steve Blair (centre) and David Mitchell follow behind.



Israeli police are on duty at a suspicious location.

Two wins after tournament

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Referee: Ingemar Johansson

The Greeks once again demonstrated, as they had against Australia in the opening game, that once in front, they were hard to beat.

Andreas Filippopoulos gave them the lead in the 22nd minute when his shot seemed to deflect off a defender and left Beni Ginzburg stranded.

After that, they massed their defence in their third of the ground and allowed the Israelis to swarm all over them to no avail.

The narrow aspect of the Ashdod ground seemed to militate against the Israelis' speedy wingers, Isaac Balachsan and Eyal Begleiter, who were dealt with unceremoniously by the burly Greek defenders.

The outstanding feature of this game was the ridiculous refereeing postures of Sweden's Ingemar Johansson.

Swedish referees were gravely informed at an early interview, frown on tackling from behind. Fair enough, but Johansson apparently also frowns on tackles from the side or in front, and in addition appears to be suffering from a bad case of the bends.

Add to that the fact that every decision was signalled by a triple blast on the whistle, accompanied by an impassioned face to face confrontation with a bewildered offender, who was then imperiously waved away, and you can realise that the football became secondary to the refereeing.

After the tournament, the young Socceroos played three friendly games.

Team: L Ahern 7, Wheatley 7, Woods 7, Skeen (sent off 50), Blair 9, Raskopoulos 6, Kay 6, Little 6, Patikas 6, Mitchell 6 (Daunt 7, Lee 7).

Australia lost to Israel for the second time as a result of some diabolically bad refereeing decisions that had red-faced Israeli officials apologetic at the post-match reception.

Grant Lee, who improved with every game, put Australia ahead with a neat goal after fifteen minutes and when David Mitchell headed home Robert Wheatley's cross ten minutes later, it seemed that Australia was heading for a good win.

But the referee felt otherwise, and despite the presence of two Israeli defenders on the goal line, he disallowed the goal for offside.

Israel equalised with a good goal early in the second half, and snatched the win when a forward, fully ten yards offside, scored past a surprised Goal Ahern.

The linesman, who was a good twenty yards behind the play looked stonily at the protesting Aussie defenders and the goal stood.

To make matters worse, Dave Skeen, who had not been particularly complimentary, was sent off for an allegedly heavy tackle, and the Aussies had to toll with ten men for the last half-hour.

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NESRETNI ZREB

Philips liga ulazi u petu sezonu 15. februara. Klubovi iz Malibura su reseni da prvi put donesu naslov prvaka u obaj grad. Novajlija Preston/Makedonija je zeli da opravlja svoj ulazak u Philips ligu dobro rezultatima i velikom posetom. Ovo drugo zato je i prava. Međutim, dobit rezultati ce sigurno doći, jer Makedonija je dobit uvek i odlican rezultat, koji je pojcana dolaskom Francuza iz Hakoša, gde je bio trener ovca. Izgledi JUST-a sa mnogo skromno, jer nije dobit u jednog igrača sa zvucnim imenom, ali trener Ceda Cirkovic već je u mlađe igrača. Zbog toga se sa nestrepljenjem očekuje prvi nastup "plavih", koji ulaze u novu sezonu sa svega dve utakmice. Jedna je odigrana preko subota protiv Altona Gata, a ovog četvrtka protivnik je Polonia.

Izvuceni su i parovi za Philips Cup. U prvom kolu se sastaju Hellas-Alexander i JUST-Makedonija. Steta, jer ce dva puta isti se izpasti na pocetku, sto nije dobro za ovo takmicenje, cije finale troba da postane dogadjaj godine.

JUST I MAKEDONIJA NA SVOM IGRALISTU

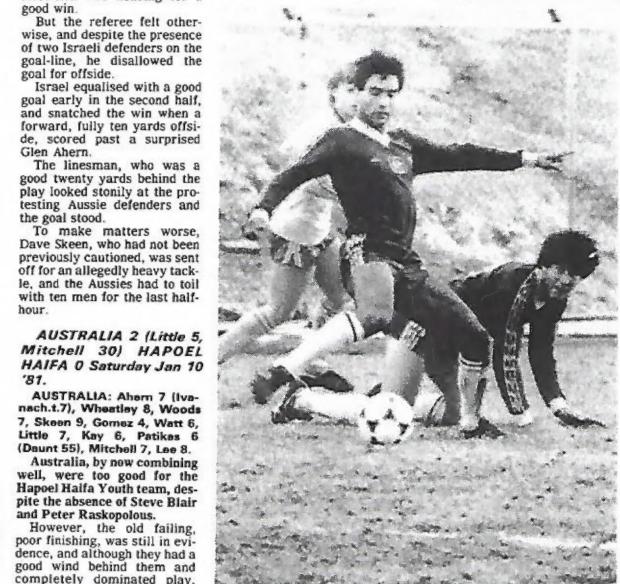
Ova dva kluba ce u ovoj sezoni sve domace utakmice odigrati na svojim igralistima, sto je velika prednost, naročito u finansijskom pogledu. Makedonija je izvrsila izvrsne popravke, ali je JUST zaista mnogo uradio za kratko vreme, zahvaljujući odavljivanju svojih vremenskih navijaca. Dalje su prvi igračima kako se zrtvuje za svakog klub. Pored novčane pomoći, koji znacajniji je doprinos u ustoličavanju igrača. Mnogo je napravljeno, a imace još da se uradi. Venčac je da se igrači mogu povratio povravjeni članom i navijaci.

PIKKNIK NA OBNOVILJENIU IGRALISTU

Clanovi i navijaci JUST-a, koji nisu imali priliku da vide sto je uradjeno na igralistu, imace priliku iduće nedelje, 1. februara na PIKKNIKU, kohi počinje rano izjutru i bice lapanjen bogatim programom, pored dobrog zalogaja i kapljicu. Ulaz ce se napičati simbolicno, a na otvorenem ce svirati popularni orkestar. Pored piknika PLAVI TABOR priprema i zavetu u Stokre restauranu, na moraškoj obali u St Kildi, koja ce se odrzati u subotu 7. februara.

NI OSTALI KLUBOVI NE SPAVAJU

Svi ostali klubovi, kojima smo posećivali poziciju u ovoj rubrici, pripremaju se ozbiljnije i temeljnije nego ikad da sed. Kako je izjavio trener Roko Ile, Croatia se priprema da iduće godine uđe u Philips ligu. Pored dobra momčadi, koju namerava da izgradi i novim igralistima, Croatia nema da će Croatia imati najlepši stadion u Viktoriju. Altona Gata se u isti igralistu, koja zista vredi i sigurno ce pokusati da se probije u Družbeni ligu. Carton/Srbija je fuzijom postala Ringwood/Srbija, sto je potpomoglo da prodje u treći diviziju, bez komplikovane borbe na poslednji polju. Altona Utv./Vojvodina je dobila novo igraliste i ima velike planove. BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO na svom zamišljuje graditi stadion i dom, a ove godine se takmici u District liga. Ime još dosta promena u klubovima, koja nismo ovog puta spomenuli, ali o tome ce biti vise reci iduće srede.



Jim Patikas (centre) about to repel a Swedish attack as his fallen team mate Robert Wheatley (right) looks on.



Australian striker David Mitchell leaps high over a ball.



Palinkas, Dunne in fine form

Brisbane City, which has had possibly the most topsy-turvy form since the PSL started, has set a record for the club this year.

Retained coach George Potter, who has retired from the playing scene with more than 100 PSL appearances behind him, says City has all its new players ready for action even before the seasons begins — the first time this has happened.

If Brisbane City were a racehorse, it would constantly call on the attention of the stews.

Finishing in mid-table in 1977, it won the initial Philips Cup and the following year finished last in the league, but again won the cup.

Its best performance was in 1979 when it finished fourth, to eventually lose the grand final play off by a single goal to Sydney City.

Last season it was back to rock bottom again, being knocked out of the Cup in the first round, after which long-serving coach Nero Saftich was sacked.

City struggled in the league all season and eventually availed



Joe Palinkas

dedication by drawing with Canberra City in the final match.

Even though City had a forgettable year, yet another highlight of its unpredictable form was when it registered shock home victories against big guns Heidelberg (7-0) and Marconi (2-1).

The new players in the City ranks this season are well-known identities Jimmy Dunne, from Green Gully Ajax and striker Paul Wilkinson, Blacktown City's leading scorer last year, and Scottish newcomer John McVeigh, a striker from First Division Airdrie.

The only losses look to be lumbering striker Barry Kelso, the leading Queensland goalscorer since the PSL began, and youth team representative Mark Bremner.

Both are odds with the club, and Kelso, regarded by many as one of the country's most difficult men to contain, stated last year he would never play for City again.

He is on the transfer list for \$25,000 (PSL only), he may return to his old club Redlands United in the Second Division, or he may decide on First Division Trident Valley, with whom he is now trialling in a Brisbane pre-season competition.

Trident, which has Queensland State League aspirations, is coached by the man City sacked, Nero Saftich, and he

has high hopes of snaring Kelso.

The competent Dunne, former First International, of course needs no introduction to Melbourne supporters and he has already fitted perfectly into the back line alongside David Ratcliffe, Billy Wilkinson and Socceroo Steve Perry.

Wilkinson and McVeigh are combining well up front, and particularly with former Footscray winger Joe Palinkas, who looks to have a new lease of life this season.

Palinkas took a while to settle in Brisbane and was under considerable pressure because of his high transfer fee, but this year so far is playing with plenty of zest and looks a picture of fitness.

With Kelso gone, Willie Connor of Covis Low will be the others pressing for a forward line position.

City again has last season's midfield trio of Frank Plumbe, Larry Gaffney and Bobby Hamilton, and Potter is hopeful of signing State midfielder Phil Thompson from Mt Gravatt.

Also, centre back Peter Tokesi is back after nagging injury problems last year.

Kim Wishart and Martin Cee once again will have a concerted battle for the No. 1 shirt. — BRUCE WADDELL.

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Big 3 chase Little

Who will get John Little?
The youth international (picture) of Altona City was at first thought to be headed for Footscray JUST.

But he next turned up at Heidelberg United and it's possible he may yet sign for Preston.

It all depends on the money

Hellas two to Northcote?

Victorian State League newcomer Northcote City still is negotiating with PSL giant South Melbourne Hellas to capture the signatures of Hellas players Steve Kakantakis and Chris Kalafatidis.

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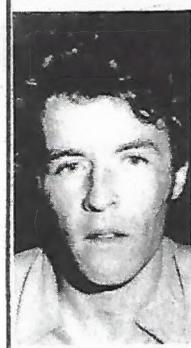
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O'Connor to Preston

Dave O'Connor is the first of Preston's reinforcements for its first Phillips League season.
O'Connor, player-coach of Victorian First Division club Richmond, was signed last week. In 1979, his first year at Richmond, he lifted the club to promotion.

O'Connor previously played for Canberra City, Brisbane Lions and Barnsley in England.

Heard from English club Sheffield United is expected to join Preston soon, and a number of other players including Graham French (Hakoah) and Peter Donaldson (Sunshine) have been on trial.

Meanwhile, Rob Cullen is back from overseas but fellow forward Gary Ward has not yet recovered fully from a broken leg.

Sweeper Gordon Flavelle also is back after a holiday in Scotland.

Preston's main players are: Lou Kastner, Mike Rainey, Gordon Flavelle, John Higham, Ljubo Petrovski, Steve Beech, Jeff Faulkner, Claude Lucchesi, George McMillan, Rob Cullen, Peter Ollerton, Gary Ward, Dave O'Connor, Eric Lesbirel, Stewart Cunningham and Con Stoikos.

DUTCHMAN STARS FOR CANBERRA

A Dutch giant (about 6ft. 6ins.) called John Bassi may be the new star of the Canberra Arrows.

If he's as good as they say he is, Bassi may develop into one of the big personalities of the Phillips League.

He caught the eye while playing libero for Canberra in its 5-2 thrashing of Blacktown City in Canberra two weeks ago.

He played in the Dutch First Division for Telstar before it was relegated.

Canberra president Theo Moulis has been negotiating with Bassi during the week. If he

is cleared from Holland without any hitches, he would be the only new player at Canberra.

The club has lost Mike Milovanovic to Blacktown and Danny Moulis to Sydney Olympic but has come to terms to the three O'Shea brothers after almost losing them during contract negotiations.

George Murray, the new coach from Scotland, is showing a high level of ability in moulding the team, which will feature a few changes because of the loss of Moulis and Milovanovic and the possible acquisition of Bassi.

Djordjevic needs help

Coach Rale Basic is negotiating for two strikers to avoid a lean year for Blacktown City.

Paul Wilkinson, top scorer for Blacktown last season, has switched to Brisbane City, Ian Hunter has been sold to Marconi and the only other regular scorer, Alan Fisher was expected to press time to join Arncliffe Scots.

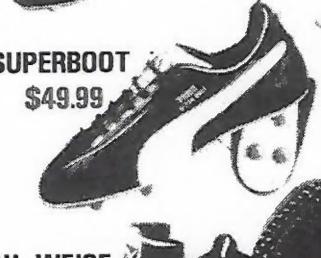
That leaves Blacktown with no proven goalscorers.

The much-vaunted Yugoslav recruit Jovan Djordjevic, 29, has impeccable credentials but he has yet to show goalscoring ability.

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